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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 December 2003.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,2 and 5-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 3,4 and 11-13 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. Claims 5-7, 9-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claims 5, 7, 9, the term "and/or" is not clear what it recites.

Claims 6, 10 are rejected by virtue of their dependency.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

4. Claims 1-2, 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pomerantz et al (U.S. Pat. 6,772,245).

Regarding claim 1, Pomerantz et al disclose A method for transmission or received data between two adjacent, series-connected modules in a transmission/reception path of a device for production and processing of data burst, which is contained in a device for transmission and reception of data without the use of wires as shown in Figure 2, the method comprising the steps of: the two modules (a transmitter agent 250 and a receiver agent 210) are a part of the transmission path, and transmission data is transmitted from a first of the two modules to a second of the two modules, information relating to the validity of the transmission data is transmitted from the first module to the second module, and information relating to the reception of valid transmission data is transmitted from the second module to the first module, and when received data is received without the use of wires, the two modules are a part of the reception path, and received data is transmitted from the second module to the first module, information relating to the validity of the received data is transmitted from the second module to the first module, and information relating to the reception of valid received data is transmitted from the first module to the second module (see col. 3, line 63 to col. 4, line 55). Pomerantz et al fail to disclose the data burst to be produced which are transmitted without the user of wires to the receiver. However, the communication between the transmitter and the receiver without the use of wires is well known in the digital communication system. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill the art at the time the invention was made to communication without the use of wires into the teachings of Pomeantz et al. The motivation would enable the transmitter and receiver communicate anywhere without using wires.

Regarding claim 2, Pomerantz et al disclose wherein information relating to the completion of a data transmission, in particular relating to the completion of the transmission of a data packet, is transmitted from the first module to the second module during transmission, and is transmitted from the second module to the first module during reception (col. 4, lines 55 to 66).

Regarding claim 8, Pomerantz et al disclose the data comprising bit strings (col. 6, lines 6-42).

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 3-4, 11-13 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

6. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Pomeantz et al fail to disclose wherein the first module and the second module are connected to one another by means of hard wiring, in which connections for data and information transmission between the first module and the second module are defined by software which, for this purpose, in particular sets registers; wherein when one of the modules receives data and when the module receives information relating to the validity of the data in a high state, a pulse is transmitted in a bit1 state or in a bit0 state as information relating to the reception of valid data from the module.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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Fortuna et al (US 2002/0065991 A1) disclose an apparatus for increasing data rates in a data network.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KHAI TRAN whose telephone number is (571) 272-3019. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00AM - 4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, JAY PATEL can be reached on (571) 272-2988. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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